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### IN GOOCHLAND AND FLUVANNA REGION

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over it, whether they be Goochlanders or Fluvannians.

**Youngsters in the Lead.**

I have noticed wherever I have been to see this work that the young farmers take to it and put themselves in a position to reap benefits from it more readily than do the older men, and the boys—the school boys, I mean—who are being organized into boys' corn clubs simply go wild over it.

Demonstrator Sneed, in connection with the school authorities in the two counties over which he has jurisdiction, is doing a splendid work with the boys, both in Fluvanna and Goochland, and a large number of clubs have been organized, more in Fluvanna than in Goochland. I have never told in the Industrial Section just how this boys' corn club work is done. In fact, I did not know the modus operandi until Demonstrator Sneed explained it to me the other day. The idea originated with J. D. Eggleston, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he has gotten all, or nearly all, of the county superintendents in the State enthused over the matter. In Fluvanna, Superintendent Thomas H. Shepherd, and in Goochland, Superintendent Charles W. Dickenson, Jr., ably assisted by the teachers in their territory, first get the schoolboys interested, worked up the steam, so to speak, and created as much enthusiasm as possible, and, in fact, organized a club here and there.

**Harmonious Partners.**

Then Demonstrator Sneed is called into service, the farmers co-operative work and the public schools being "partners" in the business and working harmoniously and joyously together. Sneed takes charge of the boys in the field after the school authorities have organized a club and shows them

just how to turn the trick.

Each boy is required to undertake the cultivation of at least one acre of his father's land and put it in corn under the direction and continued supervision of the demonstrator, and the boy solemnly promises to follow instructions. First, the land must be measured so that accurate records may be kept. A majority of the lands in Sneed's territory have so far confined themselves to one acre, but quite a number of them undertake to wrestle with more.

The preparation of the land, the plowing, the fertilizing and the continued cultivation varies somewhat according to the demonstrator's specific instructions, and those instructions are varied according to his judgment as to the demands and requirements of the soil in each case. The plowing, for instance, varies in the Fluvanna and Goochland sections from eight to twelve inches, and the fertilizing also varies according to soil conditions.

**Cultivation and Fertilization.**

First, the land must be carefully prepared by the demonstrator's instructions; that is to say, it must be plowed, harrowed, disched and subsoiled. Then it is limed, from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of lime being used to the acre. Next 500 pounds of raw bone meal is put on each acre. In some cases less of the raw bone is used, and from 150 to 300 pounds of "3-8-3" fertilizer mixed with it. The "3-8-3" fertilizer is 3 per cent. ammonia, 8 per cent. available phosphoric acid, and 3 per cent. potash. The land is now ready, and seeding time is at hand. The seed must be carefully selected, none but the best to be had is allowed to be used, and the planting must be from the 10th to the 15th of May. The rows are required to be from three and one-half to four feet apart, according to conditions and the hills, according to the strength of the land, may vary from twelve to thirty inches.

The first working is with a harrow, and when the soil requires deep cultivation this harrowing must be done



A LAY'S CORN CLUB EXHIBIT.

when the corn is quite small, that is, from two to three weeks after it has sprung from the ground. The demonstrator then advises frequent and shallow cultivation in order that the moisture may be conserved. Of course, no grass is to be allowed to live a moment anywhere about this corn. At the Fluvanna County Fair to be held at Palmyra in the latter part of September next the corn club boys of the county will have samples of their grain on exhibition, and they will compete among themselves for prizes.

**Reaching Father Through His Son.** Last year the boys in Fluvanna and Goochland did remarkably well. The seasons were unfavorable, in some sections very unfavorable, and yet the boys made from forty to sixty bushels of corn per acre, and that on lands which formerly brought only from twenty to thirty bushels to the acre under the old man's out-of-date system.

Demonstrator Sneed has made a discovery which other demonstrators in the State may have also run upon, and that is it is much easier to reach the father and get him interested in demonstration work after the little son has tackled an acre of corn and succeeded with it, under the instructions and methods I have outlined above. It certainly is true as a general proposition, that the short cut to the heart of the parent is by the boy's or the girl's little acre. And then, too, when an old fogey or an old "mossback" sees his thirteen or fifteen-year-old boy measuring up forty to sixty bushels of corn from one acre of the land on the same plantation from which he (the father) has never gathered more than thirty bushels to the acre, the old man is bound to open

his eyes and see that something has "dripped." The salvation of some parts of agricultural Virginia is in the hands of the farmer boys; heaven bless them forevermore.

### THE GREATER FAIR, VIRGINIA'S SHOW

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stock associations of the United States has been directed to the importance of Virginia as a breeding centre, and the premium list contains special prizes aggregating thousands of dollars. Three specials are distributed throughout the department. In the horse department alone more than thirty gold and silver medals, a number of silver cups and approximately \$1,000 is offered in special prizes for Virginia horses.

The dairy department, that exceedingly important adjunct to all farms, is most fittingly recognized, and to the cash prizes provided has been added two silver cups, one for the winner of home-made products, the other for creamery.

**Farm and Horticultural Products.**

An inspection of the far-reaching and practically all-embracing classification of the farm products department fails to disclose in any particular lack of careful study of the needs of our farmers. Classes are numerous, and prizes of a most substantial and generous amount are offered for everything grown in the field or garden or orchard. First and foremost appears eight pages devoted to corn—King Corn—the aggregate of the prizes for which will probably be \$3,000. The classification of the corn section received painstaking study, and it is so complete and offers so many inducements to our farmers it seems only reasonable to expect that the corn exhibit will be the greatest ever gathered together East of the corn show at Omaha. One prize of \$500 is offered by the Southern Stock Yards Corporation. Grasses and alfalfa have not been forgotten, for these important crops have secured broad classification, and exhibitors will find the premiums more than commensurate with the effort required to forward the exhibits. One special class is that for a bale of hay. It deserves and should receive marked attention.

Printed at the head of both the farm products and horticultural departments is a paragraph which should appeal to and bring results from every lover of our beloved State it reaches:

"An appeal is made to every Virginian owning an acre of land or a farm, to help in making these departments an index of the agricultural and horticultural wealth of our Mother State. Send an exhibit, be it whatever it may—a bunch of beets, an exhibit of corn, a box, basket, plate or barrel of fruit. It is your fair! Help to build it up!"

**Other Departments.** The tobacco classes carry the richest prizes ever offered for tobacco, the aggregate of which, nearly \$2,000, should appeal to our farmers. It is offered in 1910 by every other fair association on the American continent. The conditions governing sending of exhibits are simple in most of the classes, only one five-pound sample being required, which may be of long or short leaf or lugs.

In the horticultural department

classes are provided for plates (fine specimens), baskets, boxes and barrels, and in the plate section more than eighty varieties of apples are listed and large prizes offered for each. An exceedingly attractive series of package samples, \$50 being offered as first prize for eight-bushel displays; \$50 for six-barrel displays, \$30 for display of ten and \$50 for display of thirty plates, as well as \$50 for display of largest number of varieties. Particular stress is laid in the premium list to the fact that exhibits remain the property of exhibitors, and may be sold or removed at close of fair, and further that no charge is made for entering or for space occupied by exhibits.

A dog department has been added, and it is believed that the exhibit of hunting and farm dogs will prove of great interest not only to exhibitors.

This brief resume of the contents of the premium list would be incomplete without calling attention particularly to two departments appealing more peculiarly to the gentler and better sex—to the departments of flowers and handwork of women, in the latter of which hundreds of classes are provided for wherein may be entered products of her needle and brush, as well as evidence of her skill in the art of preserving the fruits of the bountiful land which it has pleased a

wise and beneficent Providence to permit us to dwell—of Virginia. The aggregate of prizes and purses to be offered this year is \$50,000.

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